THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the decision of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation, a 25-member World Commission has been set-up in Februrary, 2002 to consider the social dimension of globalization. The Commission is co-chaired by H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland and H.E. Mr. Benjamin Mkapa. President of the United Republic of Tanzania. The other members of the Commission have been selected to reflect the views and policy perspectives of a cross section of countries with a fair geographical representation, in the globalization debate. The main objective of the Commission is to identify policies for globalization, which would reduce poverty, foster growth, employment and development in open economies.

(c) India is represented by Professor Deepak Nayyar, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delhi as a Commissioner in the World Commission.

(d) The Commission's report is to be submitted to the Governing Body of ILO. The purpose of the discussions on the report in the Governing Body will be not to take decisions but to fuel inter-disciplinary thinking in as open manner as possible.

(e) The report is likely to help to identify policies which can make globalization more inclusive, in a way which are acceptable and seen to be fair to all, both between and within countries.

Eradication of child labour

282. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise allocation for eradication of child labour during the current plan to $ 1000 million as against $ 50 million in the previous plan;

(b) of so, whether the Planning Commission has agreed to provide more allocations;

(c) if so, the allocation made for eradication of child labour during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) whether Government are hopeful for eliminating child labour during this Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) In the Ninth Plan period, the total allocation of fund for child labour schemes was Rs. 249.60 crore. For the Tenth Plan period, the Planning Commission has allocated Rs. 667.50 crore for child labour schemes.

(d) In the Tenth Plan, the Government proposes to implement the policy and programmes for elimination of child labour in a more focused, integrated and convergent manner. The Government would be first making attempts to eliminate child labour from hazardous occupations and progressively move towards elimination of child labour in all other areas in the coming years.

Loss of employment due to closure/sickness of companies

283. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick and closed industrial units, companies during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; and

(b) the number of workers and employers who lost their jobs as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) Information on the number of sick and closed industrial units and workers affected thereby during 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below)

Statement

Sick/closed industrial units and workers affected due to them

Years	sick Industrial Units*		Closed Industrial units#	
	Number of Units	Workers affected	Number of units	Workers affected
2000-2001	429	259564	127	13487
2001-2002	463	216216	151	11841
2002-2003	559	136412	65	2859

* Information on sick industrial units is for the calendar years 2000, 2001 & 2002 and has been provided by BIFR.

\# Information for closed industrial units is for the financial years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 and has been provided by Labour Bureau. Labour Bureau does not maintain statistics on the number of employers losing their jobs due to closure of industrial units.